W.P. No. 177 (M/B) of 2003

Hon. Irshad Hussain, J.
Hon. M.M. Gildiyal, J.

Heard Sir Dinesh Gahatori, learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel.

This is a petition for a writ of mandamus commanding the respondents to permit the petitioner to contest the election of the member of Zila Panchayat. According to the averment the nomination paper of the petitioner was rejected. The election process has started and now the returning officer cannot be directed to conduct the election process afresh. There is constitutional bar as contained in Article 243-O of the Constitution of India and considering these aspects of the matter, we do not propose to entertain the writ petition and the same is hereby dismissed.

(Irshad Hussain, J.) (M.M. Ghildiayl, J.)

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